

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 87-223-E - ORDER NO. 98-198  
MARCH 13, 1998

IN RE: Least-Cost Planning Procedures for Electric	)	ORDER GRANTING
Utilities under the Jurisdiction of the Public	)	PETITION TO
Service Commission of South Carolina.	)	INTERVENE
	)	OUT-OF-TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Intervene Out-of-Time in this Docket filed by Electric Lite, Inc. (Electric Lite or the Company). Electric Lite states that it has valuable experience and expertise on the issues raised by the Petition to Modify the Least Cost Planning Procedures filed in this Docket. Electric Lite seeks to intervene in this proceeding to oppose any change in Least Cost Planning Procedures until such time as the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) take steps to open their systems to use by competitive energy suppliers for purposes of making retail sales to customers.

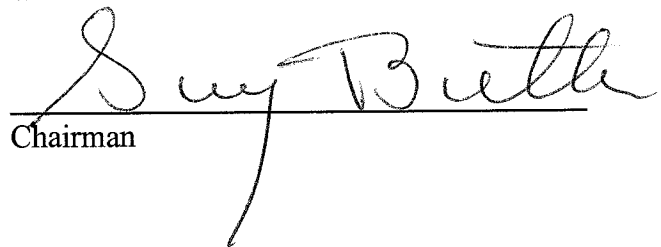
Electric Lite seeks the permission of the Commission to intervene out-of-time in the proceeding since the original time for intervening elapsed long before Electric Lite was even created. Electric Lite states that its intervention will not prejudice any parties to this proceeding nor delay the proceedings as Electric Lite's proposed comments on the IOU's request are attached to the Petition.

Duke Energy has filed a document opposing the intervention.

We have considered this matter, and hold that Electric Lite shall be allowed to intervene out-of-time, since it has stated good cause, and since its intervention will not prejudice the parties, nor delay the proceedings. We will therefore accept the comments provided by Electric Lite, although we certainly take no position on their merits at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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